



Supporter: Vanessa Redgrave arrives at the High Court to hear the eviction order challenged

Travellers lose final bid to stay

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TRAVELLERS failed yesterday in a last-ditch attempt to prevent their eviction from Britain's largest unauthorised site.

The 80 families – who won the support of veteran actress Vanessa Redgrave – are expected to be removed from the Dale Farm site in Basildon, Essex, within a month.

The High Court dismissed an application for a temporary injunction to stop Basildon council going ahead with the eviction.

The case hinged on 72-year-old Mary Flynn, who suffers breathing problems and uses a nebuliser.

Mr Justice Kenneth Parker said the only aspect which gave him some concern was medical evidence



Last days: The site at Dale Farm, home to 80 families, will now be cleared after an application to stop the eviction failed yesterday

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of a significant deterioration in her condition. The council gave a legal undertaking to review fresh medical evidence relating to Mrs Flynn before proceeding against her.

The judge refused permission to appeal, although lawyers for the

travellers can apply directly to the Court of Appeal.

Dale Farm resident Kathleen McCarthy, 48, said outside court: 'Somewhere along the line, the government is going to have to realise what they're doing.'

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